

Musicians

famous fables

RETRIBUTION: A young composer who had written a sonata played it on the piano for elderly Camille Saint-Saens. It was a work of little merit, but Saint-Saens listened grimly to the end. When the other asked for his opinion, he signed and said:

"When I was your age, some 50 years ago, I wrote music like that. And now the good Lord has sent you to punish me for it."

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